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unique history of our community, and it has also become an important part of our history."

The mill, at Two Pendleton Way, employs 189. They manufacture wool textiles, for use in blankets, men's and women's clothing and upholstery.

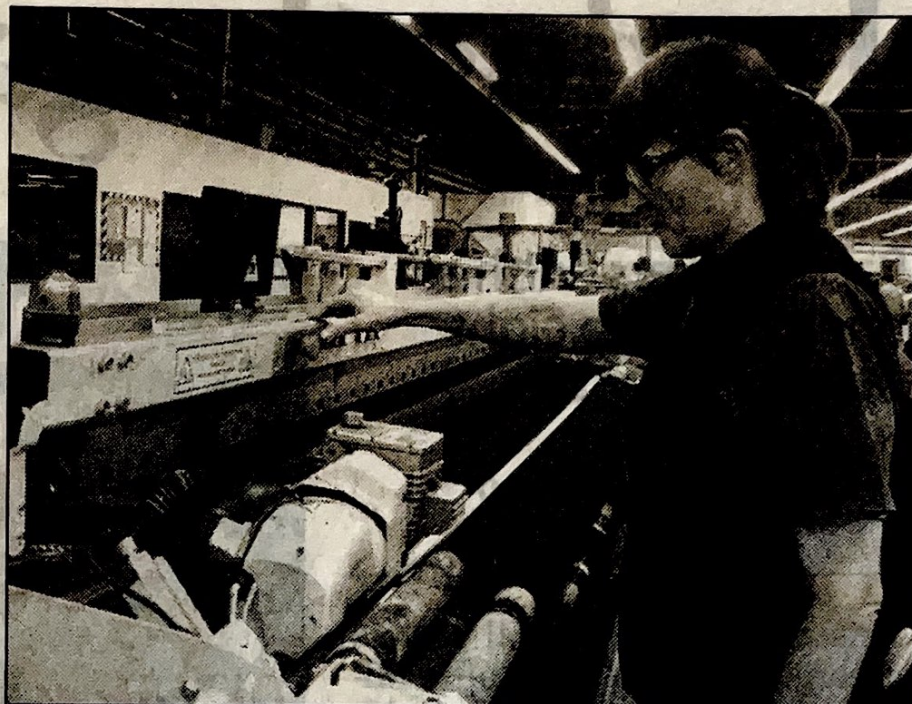
"There are a lot of dedicated, hard working employees that come from the community," Bishop said.

They include 40 employees who have worked at Pendleton for more than 25 years. Eight employees have worked at Pendleton for more than 40 years, and one employee has worked there for more than 50 years.

"That is pretty amazing to think about," Bishop said.

The longtime employees include Finishing Supervisor Ted Prince, who has worked at the Pendleton Woolen Mill for 26 years. His mother, Mardel Peet, has worked there for more than 30 years, and his sister, Shari Morse, has been at Pendleton for 25 years.

Prince's grandmother, Georgia Smith, retired from Pendleton after working there for 20 years.



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Lidiya Kovaz, a weaver with Pendleton Woolen Mill in Washougal, operates one of the two state-of-the-art weaving machines that were purchased in September 2011. The mill manufactures wool textiles, for use in blankets, men's and women's clothing and upholstery.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

When: Tuesday, June 5

Where: Camas Meadows Golf Club, 4105 N.W. Camas Meadows Drive

When: Social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35. RSVP to chandra@cwchamber.com or 834-2472

The company was founded in Pendleton, Ore., in 1909.

Complimentary tours begin and end at the mills' store, which sells blan-

kets, clothing, fabric and accessories. For more information, call the store at 835-1118 or the mills at 835-2131 or visit www.pendletonmillstore.com.